

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

ERIC WILKINS, MAHARI BELL,)	
ESSENCE JEFFERSON, JOSE)	
MANUEL ALMANZA, JR., AND)	
JACQUEZ BEASLEY,)	
)	
)	Case No. 23-cv-4072
Plaintiffs,)	
)	Hon. Mary M. Rowland
v.)	
)	
CITY OF CHICAGO)	
)	
Defendant.)	

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to the Court’s order of December 3, 2025 (Dkt. No. 196), Plaintiffs Eric Wilkins, Mahari Bell, Essence Jefferson, José Manuel Almanza, Jr., and Jacquez Beasley (collectively, “Plaintiffs”) and Defendant City of Chicago (“City”) have conferred and jointly submit the following joint status report.

The City provided Plaintiffs with proposed Stipulations for former Mayors Rahm Emanuel and Lori Lightfoot, former Deputy Chiefs of Staff Janey Rountree and Walter Katz, and former Deputy Mayor Susan Lee on December 3, 2025, in accordance with the Court’s Order (Dkt. No. 184). On December 9, 2025, Plaintiffs provided the City with a marked-up version of the proposed Stipulation for former Mayor Lightfoot. Plaintiffs advised the City that if their proposed changes are acceptable to the City, they can make conforming edits to the other stipulations or incorporate them into a single document.

The parties agree that the City shall provide a written response to Plaintiffs' revised draft of the Stipulation on or before December 17, 2025, and Plaintiffs will provide comments to one of the draft Stipulations for the Deputies from the Mayor's office by December 17, 2025. The parties will meet and confer regarding the revised Stipulations on or before December 23, 2025. The parties will provide an updated status report on or before December 29, 2025.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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